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### Variation in *Adalia bipunctata* L. (Col.: Coccinellidae)

Each year some three to five per cent of the *Adalia bipunctata* L. coming out of hibernation turn out to be varieties, but at Kew during March 1990, the proportion of such varieties was much higher at 17% (six out of 36 specimens noted). These were three *quadrimaculata*, two *bar-annulata* and one *duodecempustulata*. — A.J. BALDWIN, 33 Defoe Avenue, Kew Gardens, Surrey TW9 4DS.

### *Eudonia mercurella* (L.) (Lep.: Pyralidae) reared from Kidney Vetch

On 16th July 1988 the late Dr K.C. Greenwood found a larva in the seed-heads of Kidney Vetch, *Anthyllis vulneraria* L., at Harbury, Warwicks. He reared an imago therefrom, which emerged on 10th August and was later identified as *E. mercurella* by R.J. Barnett, then of the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry, where the specimen now rests. This is a most extraordinary record, as the larva normally feeds on mosses (*vide* Emmet, 1988, *A Field Guide to the Smaller British Lepidoptera* 2nd ed.). — JOHN ROBBINS, 123b Parkgate Road, Coventry CV6 4GF.